

NUMBER VIII.

A Memorial for the Extinguishment of the Indian Title to a portion of the territory occupied by the Pembina and Red Lake Chippewas.

To the President of the United States:

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents—

That the Territory occupied by the Pembina and Red Lake bands of Chippewa Indians, and to which they have the possessory title, embraces a large portion of the valley of the Red river of the north, and a tract of country in the northern part of Minnesota, between the Red river and the Vermillion river, containing about fifteen thousand (15,000) square miles. The whole number of each of said bands of Indians is believed to be not over one thousand (1,000), and it is apparent that their occupancy of a smaller tract of territory would better conduce to their discipline and civilization.

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Your memorialists further represent, that the only practicable route of travel between the United States and Hudson's Bay Territory, lies for a distance of about one hundred (100) miles in said Indian country; that said route is growing into frequent use for travel and the transportation of valuable merchandise, and that the public interest greatly requires that a portion of the country through which said one hundred (100) miles of the route extends, shall be open to settlement.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully request that measures be taken at the earliest moment convenient, to extinguish, by treaty, the possessory title of said bands of Indians to a portion of the territory they occupy.

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved February twentieth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA.

February 23rd, 1860.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.